

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of ) Customer No. 00832  
Toshio Kobayashi et al. )  
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Title: NONWOVEN FABRIC AND METHOD )  
FOR MAKING THE SAME )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 3, change "adapting itself" to - -adapted- -;

lines 4 and 10, change "wipe-out" to - -wipe-up- -.

Page 11, line 4, change "wipe-out" to - -wipe-up- -.

IN THE CLAIMS

4. (Amended) A method of making nonwoven fabric containing thermoplastic synthetic microfibers, said method comprising the steps of:

a. [obtaining] providing a wet sheet from a slurry containing about 0.5 [~] to 20 % by weight of a fibrous mixture dispersed in water, said fibrous mixture comprising, [in] about 90 [~] to 10 % by weight, thermoplastic being about 7 [~] to 30 mm long and as fine as [of] about 0.1 [~] to 0.8 d mixed with pulp fibers being about 2 [~] to 7 mm long, in about 10 [~] to 90 % by weight; [and]

b. placing said wet sheet on a support; and [then]